

### **Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application.

### **Listing of Claims:**

1-13. (cancelled)

14. (previously presented) A method of operating a climate control system in a passenger vehicle traveling on the road, the method comprising:

directing a flow of air to a passenger compartment of the vehicle via a duct, where the duct has a bend and where a blower fan is coupled to said duct upstream of said bend and where a set of radial vanes is located in said duct; and

operating the blower fan to generate said flow of air in said duct, where said radial vanes protrude inwardly into said flow of air in said duct, and said vanes are located downstream of said fan and upstream of said bend, said vanes reducing noise otherwise caused by air flowing around said bend.

15. (previously presented) The method of claim 14 wherein said duct and said vanes are made from a polymeric material, said vanes being integrally formed in said duct.

16-18. (cancelled)

19. (previously presented) The method of claim 14 wherein said vanes are approximately 10 to 15 mm wide.

20. (previously presented) The method of claim 14 wherein said vanes protrude only partially into said duct and do not span across said duct.